

DAILY PLANET

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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New Program Solicits IDEAS From Marshall Employees, Contractors

A new informal suggestion program, called IDEAS, was introduced in the Employee Update on Monday. The IDEAS web site for submitting suggestions or viewing others' ideas is at "<http://www.msfc.nasa.gov/ideas/>". NASA or contractor employees may make submissions, which will be forwarded to the IDEAS Advisory Committee for review.

Thurs. is 'Take Our Children to Work' Day at Marshall

New KSC, JSC Appointments

Donald R. McMonagle has been named manager, Space Shuttle Launch Integration, at KSC. He will replace Loren Shriver who was recently named KSC deputy director, Launch and Payload Processing. Gregory J. Harbaugh will replace McMonagle as acting manager of the Extravehicular Activity Projects Office at JSC.

Mission Briefings Set for Friday

Briefings about the upcoming STS-94 mission, which will be a reflight of the Marshall-managed Microgravity Science Laboratory-1, will be held at Marshall and JSC Friday. The briefings will air live on NASA TV beginning with a science overview at 9:30 a.m. CDT. A mission overview/crew news conference will follow at 1 p.m. The mission is tentatively scheduled for launch on July 1. A firm launch date will be set on Thursday following a Flight Readiness Review at KSC.

Lecture on Interstellar Flight Set For 1 p.m. Fri. in Morris Auditorium

A presentation on the feasibility of interstellar flight will be held at 1 p.m. Friday. The location has been changed to Morris Auditorium. Dr. Robert L. Forward, chief scientist with Tethers Unlimited, a Marshall contractor, will present the lecture, "Visions of the Ultimate Journey." It is open to employees and contractors. **Contact:** Les Johnson, 4-0614.

Replay of Employee Update to Air on Closed-Circuit TV at 2 p.m. Thurs.